

THRILLING LION HUNT ON NEW YORK STREETS

Five Animals Escape From Theatre, Throwing Audience Into a Panic.

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED

Requires Reserves From Three Precincts to Hold Immense Crowd in Check—Fifty-Four Shots Fired Into One Beast Before He Is Dead.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, December 17.—Five lions escaped from the Forty-sixth Street Theatre this afternoon, throwing the audience into a panic and knocking down about 100 persons, two of whom were badly injured, and others were taken to a hospital. Others injured were able to get home.

Sergeant Samuel Glynn was shot and seriously wounded by policemen who were trying to kill the lions.

Policeman James M. Craig was mangled in the left hand, Policeman Edward Regney was mangled about the head and shot in the right hand. It was reported that one woman had been seriously injured by the lion before it reached the street.

The theatre is a motion picture and vaudeville house, and it required reserves from three precincts to hold the immense crowd in check.

Amphibians were called from the Reception and Flower Hospitals.

The animals got out of their cage as part of the entertainment.

At the time a musical quartet, known as the "Four Hearts," had just come on the stage. When the lions leaped into the orchestra the singers went on with their act in an effort to quiet the panic-stricken audience.

The comedian of the quartet began dancing. The theatre audience piled behind him, and the lions dashed through the house and out into the lobby. Four of the animals did not leave the building, and were corralled in the lobby for half an hour before the police recovered and the lions were driven back to their cages.

Many shots were fired at them in the lobby to keep them terrified.

The fifth animal dashed for the street, and it was in the street that this animal attacked and clawed several people before the bullets of the police ended its life. The lion dashed east in Eighty-sixth Street to Third Avenue. At 1532 Third Avenue the animal climbed the stairway and walked into Glaser's Photograph Gallery.

There were a number of people sitting in the gallery waiting to have their photographs taken. The lion walked in on them. They promptly rushed to the roof and down the trapdoor.

TWO STUDIO EMPLOYEES BADLY CLAWED BY LION

A woman sitting for her portrait fainted, and two employees in the studio, attempting to jump over the lion, which barred the single exit, were badly injured.

The lion made himself at home in the photograph gallery, sniffed around a little and then returned to the street.

By this time the reserves from the East Eighty-sixth Street station had arrived, and the police began shooting at the animal, which by now had become savage and was attempting to run away. Fifty-four shots were fired into his body before he was killed.

"I was sitting in the second row of the orchestra," said Fred Jacobs, of 141 East Eighty-second Street, "and when singing comedians were on the stage, suddenly I heard a cry from behind the scenes, and I thought there was a fire, so I got out of my seat and went through the stage door. As I did so three lions bumped into me and knocked me down, but they didn't hurt me. They went into the orchestra. Then I heard the most terrible cries from the women and children as they tried to get out of the place."

"I rushed into the theatre and looked that there wasn't any danger, that the lions were old and wouldn't bite. But the people paid no attention to me, and I guess about twenty girls and women fainted in all parts of the house."

The lions were being exhibited by a woman billing herself as Mme. An. She had six lions in all, but one of them, which had been brought into the cage when the act was concluded, was while an attendant was looking this cage that the other five animals banded to make their break for liberty.

SENATOR ECHOLS SINKING

All Hope for His Recovery Has Been Abandoned.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, Va., December 17.—The condition of Senator Edward Echols has grown steadily worse for several days, and all hope of his recovery has been abandoned. Last week the family and friends of Senator Echols had received optimistic reports concerning his condition, and the fact that he had been aroused only at brief intervals. His illness has been a matter of State-wide concern for the past month, and hundreds of letters and telegrams have been received from distant points expressing appreciation of his life work and hope for his recovery.

Hubert Shelton Acquitted. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ANNEHURST, Va., December 17.—The jury this afternoon, without hearing any argument, acquitted Hubert Shelton, charged with the murder of John T. Edwards, at Monroe, September 19, 1914.

In Charge of Radio Operations. Lieutenant Russell Crenshaw, son of William A. Crenshaw, 260 East Franklin Street, is in charge of the government radio work in the Canal Zone, and neutrality laws and radio regulations. This work is particularly serious at the present time, as violations are being alleged by belligerent governments.

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NO DECISIVE ACTION IS PLANNED AT NAGO

Belief in Washington That Some Satisfactory Understanding Will Be Reached.

SCOTT TO USE HIS INFLUENCE

United States Determined, if Necessary, to Open Fire on Mexican Forces to Stop Shooting Across Border.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—Secretary Garrison to-night gave President Wilson the latest reports from Brigadier-General Bliss, on the situation at Naco, where the Mexican generals have not yet moved their forces to avoid firing into American territory.

The report showed that the situation had undergone no apparent change, although little firing was in evidence. While the United States is determined, if necessary, to open fire on the two Mexican forces to compel them to stop shooting into the State of Arizona, it was decided to-night that no decisive action was planned, pending efforts of Brigadier-General Hugh Scott, now en route to Naco, to influence the two factions to adjust the situation.

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RIVER AND HARBOR BILL CALLS FOR \$34,138,580

Measure Appropriates Only for Work on Projects Which Already Have Been Begun.

PLANS NO NEW UNDERTAKINGS

Army Engineers' Estimates Reduced by Nearly \$20,000,000—James River Gets \$100,000—Numerous Proposals Pending.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The annual river and harbor appropriation bill, carrying \$34,138,580 for waterway improvements throughout the country, was completed to-night by the House Rivers and Harbors Committee. Army engineers' estimates were reduced by nearly \$20,000,000, and the bill appropriates only for work on projects which already have been begun, making no provision for new undertakings.

After the defeat of the river and harbor bill at the last session of Congress and the appropriation of \$20,000,000 to maintain work on existing projects, the board of engineers submitted estimates aggregating \$43,000,000. These the committee, according to Chairman Sparkman, "pared to the bone."

All big improvement projects were included in the committee's efforts to cut the appropriation of the bill.

As agreed to by the committee, the measure carries no legislative proposal to alter the present method of making appropriations for waterway improvements. No action was taken on various reform plans recently agitated.

Representative Sparkman, of Florida, chairman, explained that the committee had worked under pressure to speed up the bill. He said that numerous legislative proposals were pending before the Senate committee, which will consider the bill after it leaves the House, and that any action would come from the Senate side of the Capitol.

Among the appropriations in the annual rivers and harbors bill, as completed, are:

Virginia—Mataponi and Pamunkey Rivers, \$5,000; Rappahannock River, \$10,000; James River, inland waterway, Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C., \$800,000.

North Carolina—Beaufort Harbor, \$17,000; Beaufort Inlet, \$3,000; Morehead City, \$3,800; Scuppernon River, \$5,400; Pamlico and Tar Rivers, \$35,500; Neuse and Trent Rivers, \$32,000; Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet, \$8,000; New River and waterway above Wilmington, open channel work, \$13,000; Cape Fear River, above Wilmington locks and dams, \$172,000; Cape Fear River and below Wilmington, \$205,000; Waccamaw River, \$55,000; South Carolina—Winyah Bay, \$50,000; Santee, Wateree and Congaree Rivers, \$20,000.

Tennessee—French Broad and Little Pigeon Rivers, \$40,000.

Physician Arrested. Walter R. Rhoads, who claims to be a physician from Louisiana, was yesterday afternoon arrested by Detective Sergeants Wiltshire and Bailey on a charge of stealing \$12 from Herman Schmidt. The man is said to have been on a spree for some time and has been to have money deposited in some local bank. He gave Schmidt in order for some groceries and offered a check on the Broad Street Bank in payment. It was later found to be worthless, and Rhoads' arrest followed yesterday. Crutchedfield will hear the case to-day.

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FREIGHT ELEVATOR DROPS TO BOTTOM OF BUILDING

One Workman Is Killed and Another Injured When Ponderous Mass Falls.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, Va., December 17.—When an eyebolt in the tackle snapped after the two-ton platform of a huge freight elevator had been lifted three stories, the ponderous mass dropped to-day to the bottom of the Coburn building, in course of construction at Grand and Charlotte Streets, and carried two men with it. John N. Gibbs, carpenter, turned two somersaults and fell down the shaft, striking on his head, while Emanuel Swanson, a rigger, broke several ribs when his body crumpled beneath the upturned edge of the platform in the bottom of the concrete foundation.

FOR GOOD ROADS

Fauquier Citizens Offers Prizes to School Children for Essays.

In an effort to arouse interest among the coming generation in the good roads movement, and indirectly to bring a more lively appreciation of the important influence of good roads to the older heads, an offer of prizes for the best essays and debates on the subject has been made to the school children of Fauquier County by Harry A. Toulmin, Jr., of Upperville.

The proposal, which is that public debates be held, and that a number of essays from each graded school be submitted to a committee of judges, has the approval of E. Albert Smith, county superintendent of schools, and others interested in both the school and good-roads causes. It is believed to be the only offer of the kind ever made in Virginia, and is expected to prove popular with the graduates of the Fauquier schools when they get to work on their essays.

During the past summer a Good Roads League was formed among the residents in the Upperville section of Fauquier and Loudoun counties. Mr. Toulmin, who has a large estate, and is widely interested in various local enterprises, was active in forming the league. His offer to the school authorities is one means by which he hopes to keep interest in the league alive.

The recently-formed organization has for its immediate purpose the construction of macadam roads over the most important routes in the upper section of the county. Within a few months it is hoped to begin work on the Delaplane-Upperville road, connecting the latter town with the railroad. Other important highways will be improved in turn.

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Youth Who Had Been His Playmate Since Childhood Charged With Murder.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 17.—Herbert Smith was shot and instantly killed in a public restroom adjoining police headquarters to-night, and William Ballew is being held without bail charged with the shooting. The prisoner maintains that the death of his companion was the result of the accidental discharge of a pistol, and in this claim he is substantiated by the only eyewitness of the tragedy. Police are investigating the report of a man standing just outside the restroom, who said that he heard an argument between the two before the shot was fired.

Both young men were residents of West Asheville, and have been playmates since childhood. Neither is out of his teens.

Ballew fled to his home after the tragedy, and was captured there by the police, none of whom heard the shot which resulted in the death of Smith.

CHOOING CLEARY JURY

First Panel Exhausted After Ten Men Are Sworn In.

NEW CITY, N. Y., December 17.—To complete a jury to try William V. Cleary, town clerk and Democratic leader of Haverstraw, on a charge of murdering his son-in-law, Eugene M. Newman, July 27, Justice Morschause held a session of the Supreme Court here to-night. The first panel was exhausted this afternoon, after ten jurors had been sworn.

The defense is expected to be temporary insanity. It is charged that Cleary killed Newman when the latter called to inform him that he and Miss Cleary were married. It is still doubtful whether Newman's young widow will be a witness for her father. She was not in court to-day.

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DRAINS BOTTLE OF POISON IN PRESENCE OF HUSBAND

Mrs. T. C. Sanderlin Attempts to Commit Suicide in Midst of Christmas Shopping Throng.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, Va., December 17.—Calling her husband out from a downtown restaurant, Mrs. T. C. Sanderlin, wife of a former police officer of Norfolk, to-night drained a bottle of carbolic acid before Sanderlin or any of the crowd of passing Christmas shoppers could reach her side. At the hospital, it was said that the woman probably would recover.

Two days ago Sanderlin was acquitted in Corporation Court on a charge of felonious assault on H. B. Parker, and to-day a charge of attempting to murder Sanderlin was nolle prosequed for Parker. Sanderlin charged Parker with destroying his home. Sanderlin was arrested in Richmond last summer and was dismissed from the police force.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Young Women's Christian Association to Celebrate Holidays To-Night.

The Young Women's Christian Association will celebrate its first Christmas in its new building with a Christmas party to its members and their friends at 8 o'clock to-night. The entertainment is in charge of the social committee, of which Mrs. Charles O. Saville is chairman. Mrs. S. H. Hawes is chairman of the decorating committee, and Mrs. Chiles M. Ferrell is chairman of the refreshment committee.

The following program will be given in the gymnasium:

Serenade Wildor "Baccarat" Schneider Mrs. Hequemour's Orchestra.

Readings by Miss Mary Dudley. Selections, quartet, Richmond College Glee Club.

Dances by gymnasium classes. Christmas song Del Riego Mrs. Hamilton Smith, soloist; Mrs. Channing Ward, accompanist. Christmas carols led by W. C. Mercer. Refreshments will be served at small tables in the cafeteria and in the assembly hall.

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